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SUBJECT: WARSAW NEWSPAPER ATTACKS THIEU REGIME: VOA

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 014539; (B) WARSAW 87-C

1. CITING THE APPROACHING SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, ZYCIE WARSZAWY EDITORIALIST ANNA PIASECKA ON JANUARY 22 ATTACKED THE THIEU REGIME IN UNUSUALLY STRONG TERMS. SHE CHARGES THAT THERE IS NO ARTICLE OF THE AGREEMENT THAT "HAS NOT BEEN VIOLATED" BY THE "REACTIONARY" THIEU

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GOVERNMENT, WHICH ALSO "DESTROYS ALL EXPRESSIONS OF DEMOCRATIC

OPPOSITION," WHILE FAILING TO TAKE "EVEN PRELIMINARY STEPS" TOWARD CONVENING A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF UNITY AND CONCORD OR HOLDING GENERAL ELECTIONS. SHE FURTHER CHARGES SAIGON WITH "OPEN PROVOCATIONS" AGAINST THE ICCS. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHE CONTENDS THAT THE NLF AND PRG HAVE "FOR TWO YEARS CONCENTRATED ALL THEIR POWERS ON THE STRUGGLE FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION" OF THE AGREEMENT. CONCLUDING THAT THEIR EFFORTS ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH, SHE REAFFIRMS THAT POLAND, AS AN ICCS MEMBERS, IS ACTIVELY WORKING FOR RESTORING PEACE ON THE BASIS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

2. COMMENT: THIS EDITORIAL REPEATS STANDARD POLISH FORMULATIONS ON VIET-NAM AND FAILS TO MENTION THE UNITED STATES EVEN BY INNUENDO. HOWEVER, ITS COMPLETELY ONE-SIDED APPROACH IS PRESENTED IN THE MOST FORCEFUL TERMS WE HAVE SEEN FOR SOME TIME. THE INCREASED ACTIVITY OF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN VIET-NAM AND THE HEATING UP OF THE MILITARY SITUATION THERE HAVE OCCASIONED SOMEWHAT GREATER POLISH PRESS ATTENTION TO VIET-NAM. THE MANIFEST RESTRAINT CONCERNING US POLICIES CONTINUES.

3. ACTION RECOMMENDED: VOA BROADCASTING TO POLAND SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY REGARDING ADHERENCE TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION TO SUCH IMBALANCED COMMENTARY AS THE PIASECKA EDITORIAL, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL PAP REPORTS IN RECENT WEEKS BASED ON STATISTICS FROM HANOI ABOUT NUMBERS AND TYPES OF ALLEGED AGREEMENT VIOLATIONS BY SAIGON.
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